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Dear K-12 Superintendents, ISDs, PSAs, Executive Directors, and TPIs:

On April 14, 2006, the Michigan Department of Education (MDE) received notification that Public Act 118, which amends section 1531 of the Michigan School Code, was signed by the Governor and filed with the Secretary of State. The amendment requires completion of a three-semester credit hour course of study in diagnostic and remediation for the renewal of a Provisional certificate or for advancement to the Professional Education certificate. This requirement is effective July 1, 2007.

This means that:

- A Provisional teaching certificate shall not be renewed unless the individual successfully completes at least a three-credit course of study with appropriate field experiences in diagnosis, remediation of reading disabilities and differentiated instruction.
- An individual shall not advance to the Professional Education certificate unless he/she successfully completes at least a three-credit course of study with appropriate field experiences in the diagnosis and remediation of reading disabilities and differentiated instruction.
- A teacher may complete the three credits as part of the 18-credit hour planned program required to advance to the Professional Education certificate.

The text of the relevant amended section of the Michigan School Code is enclosed. **It's essential that this information is distributed to all teachers who have not yet received their professional teaching certificate.** To assist in that effort, this letter and the attachment will also be posted on the MDE website:

http://www.michigan.gov/documents/SB327_Implementation_164725_7.doc.

Sincerely,

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